

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Attorney Docket No. SIR-MIS-00001-US-CIP[3])

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)		
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McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>)		
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Serial No.: 10/720,448)	Examiner:	BOWMAN
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Filed: November 24, 2003)	Group Art Unit:	1635
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Title RNA Interference Mediated)	Confirmation No.:	4875
Inhibition of Gene Expression)		
Using Chemically Modified)		
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid)		
(siNA))		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now submit the following preliminary amendment for consideration and entry into the above-captioned application. No fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-4615.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

Attachments include replacement Figures 18, 19 & 50, replacement Table I.